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Man accused of sexually abusing girl for 14 years, since she was 4

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has im-

posed a \$100,000 cash bail on a man who is accused of sexually assaulting a minor for the past 14 years.

Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a \$100,000 cash bail on Rodney Olopai Laniyo, 42,

last Tuesday for the charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first, second, and third degrees, among other charges.

Laniyo, who appeared before the court in the custody of the Department of Corrections, was remanded back to

DOC after failing to post bail. Bogdan ordered the defendant to return to court on Aug. 31. See MAN on Page 4

Biz summit unveils BOOST

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CORRESPONDENT

The CNMI government unveiled at the Friends of Business Summit last Wednesday a new loan program for small business owners that is also being touted as a means to provide startup capital, support business expansions, and encourage the diversification of the CNMI's business sector.

Called the "Building Optimism, Opportunities and Sta-

bility Together," or BOOST, See BIZ on Page 4



Governor's Council of Economic Advisers committee chair Matthew Deleon Guerrero, left, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Joe C. Guerrero discuss the results of the 2022 Marianas Business Pride and Small Business Survey during the Friends of Business Summit last Wednesday at the Saipan World Resort.

CHRYSSTAL MARINO

AT RAFFLE OF CANDIDATES' SLOTS

Sablan-Staffler on No. 1 slot

- » Palacios-Apatang picks 2nd slot, Torres-Sablan draws 3rd slot
- » Kilili, 2 others, unopposed
- » Precinct 3 has most number of candidates for House

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Rep. Christina "Tina" Marie Elise Sablan and her running mate, Rep. Leila Haveia Fleming Clark Staffler, who are running for governor and lieutenant



governor, respectively, under the NMI Democratic Party, will be on the No. 1 slot in the ballots in the Nov. 8 general elections.

At the raffle drawing of slots for the candidates

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As of Q2, CNMI in \$11M deficit due to pandemic

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As of third quarter of this fiscal year, the government is in \$11 million deficit due to COVID-19 expenditures, according to Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig on Monday, but he said they are also expecting over \$20 million

in reimbursements from the federal government to help

offset that deficit.

In response to a question about the deficit during a radio press briefing, Atalig said as they move into new fiscal year, they do their best to pay back and take care of outstanding invoices and expenditures from the previous fiscal years. He said the Planning

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Saipan Tribune marks Marianas Southern Airways' first flight today with a supplement.

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SUPPLEMENT

Saipan Tribune welcomes the new school year with a Back-to-School supplement.

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Police in Rio de Janeiro are seeking the arrest of six people accused of stealing 16 artworks.

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Local

CHCC revises its screening rules for entering hospital

Effective immediately, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is revising its screening protocols for patients and visitors to the Commonwealth Health Center, as the CNMI remains in COVID-19 Community Level Medium.

Patient Screening

PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing of all admissions is no longer required but may be requested by the attending physician prior to admission. PCR and/or antigen testing may be used by attending physicians for patients suspected of having COVID-19 as a reason for hospitalization, or for any already admitted patients who exhibit new respiratory symptoms related to COVID-19 while hospitalized.

For patients who will undergo surgical procedures in the operating room:

- Outpatient PCR/rapid antigen testing is not required for patients scheduled for elective procedure who are asymptomatic and have no known recent exposure to COVID-19.

- PCR/Rapid antigen testing is not required for all asymptomatic inpatients who are being seen for surgery or other procedures.

- PCR/Rapid antigen testing

is required for all patients scheduled for elective/emergency procedure who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:

- Elective surgery patients who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days. Their procedure will be rescheduled.

- Emergency surgery patients who test positive for COVID-19 will be operated on.

- All other scenarios will be at the attending physician's discretion and/or clinical situation that calls for either PCR or rapid antigen testing.

- Outpatient PCR testing will not be required for normal deliveries. Rapid antigen testing may be used in place of PCR.

For patients who will be admitted to inpatient units from outpatient clinics:

- Patients suspected of having COVID-19 as a primary reason for admission may be tested using PCR and/or rapid antigen testing.

- Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to be tested; proof of positive test result must be verified.

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Three Rota residents recognized for their heroism

The CNMI administration, in partnership with the Rota municipality and Homeland Security and Emergency Management, presented plaques of appreciation to three men on Rota for saving a drowning boy last July 29.

Last Tuesday, Mamet

Woman suing Saipan Mayor's Office, employee for collision

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A female motorist has filed a lawsuit against the Saipan Mayor's Office, one of its employees, and the CNMI government after one of the Saipan Mayor's Office's heavy equipment machines collided with her car in February 2021.

Emelourd Udani, through David Banes, is suing the Saipan Mayor's office, employee Mariano Aguon, and the CNMI government after a heavy equipment that Aguon was driving allegedly backed into her car.

Udani presented her claim to the Commonwealth government through the Office of the Attorney General, alleging negligence on the defendants' part prior to filing her lawsuit.

However, on July 8, 2022, the AG's office informed Udani that her claim was denied, claiming that employees of the mayor's office are not employees of the Commonwealth government within the meaning of the Government Liability Act.

According to Banes, though, the court held in *Fleming v. Office of the Mayor of Saipan*, Civil Case No. 14-0147 that employees of the mayor's office are employees of the Commonwealth government.

"The mayor's office is named as a co-defendant in the event that Aguon is not an employee of the Commonwealth government, while the Commonwealth government is named as a co-defendant in the event that Aguon is a Commonwealth employee covered by the Government Liability Act," he said.

According to the complaint, Udani was driving on a public road in Chalan Kiya south of

Manglona, Damien J. Hocog, and Tyric Castro received plaques of appreciation for saving a young Filipino boy at the Prudential Manglona Park Beach last July 29.

Speaking on behalf of the CNMI administration, Dennis Mendiola, special assis-

tant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, commended the courage and bravery of the men.

"Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and I are strong advocates of our people helping each other, especially during our times of need. These three young heroes—Tyric Castro, Mamet Manglona, and Damian Atalig—demonstrated the principles and values instilled in them by their family. We commend their acts of courage and bravery, especially coming from young individuals with no train-

ing," he said.

Mendiola added that these individuals are an inspiration to the community as they remind everyone of the importance of helping one another.

"Although we caution people from putting their lives in danger, our culture and strong family values of protecting one another often trumps protocol and procedures. These three individuals' act of courage will not be overlooked. As a matter

of fact, when I presented the incident to Gov. Torres, he insisted that we commend these young heroes in an effort to inspire and remind our community of the importance of helping one another in times of need. On behalf of CNMI Homeland Security

and Emergency Management, we extend our sincere appreciation to our young heroes and their families," he said.

Before awarding the

plaques, Mendiola told the men that they demonstrated tremendous value and character "by putting your own life in danger to ensure the safety of another individual. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your great deed, which does not go unnoticed."

(*Kimberly B. Esmores*)

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the program is project of the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce that aims to provide financial assistance to CNMI businesses and non-profit organizations.

The launch of the new pro-

gram was announced by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' chief of staff, Will Castro, Bank of Saipan manager John Arroyo, and Jesus Taisague of the Department of Commerce during Wednesday's summit luncheon at the Saipan World Resort Ballroom in Susupe.

According to them, the intent of the program is to support the

viability of those businesses and the employment opportunities they offer residents of the CNMI, to further the government's goal of a diverse economy, and to increase the Commonwealth tax base.

For new businesses, this will mean working capital, furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory, environmental im-

pact assessments, regulatory permits, and operational costs. For existing businesses, this will give them the opportunity to expand. For new industry diversification grants, this will translate to research and development, feasibility studies, plant and equipment, and

startup costs.

At the same summit, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers shared the results of the 2022 Marianas Business Pride and Small Business Survey, with GCEA committee chair Matthew Deleon Guerrero and Saipan

Chamber of Commerce president Joe C. Guerrero presenting the preliminary results and responding to questions from the audience.

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MAN**From Page 1**

17 at 10am for a preliminary hearing, and again on Aug. 22, at 9am for his arraignment.

According to court documents, Laniyo was arrested last Tuesday for allegedly sexually abusing a then minor for the past 14 years, starting when she was around 4 years old.

Court documents states that

Department of Public Safety officers were dispatched to a home in Dan Dan back in April 20, 2021, to respond to a sexual abuse of a minor report that happened 14 years ago. It was not explained why it took over a year for the alleged perpetrator to be arrested following the report.

The documents state that when police met with the victim back in April 2021, she allegedly told them that the

first incident happened when

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SABLAM**From Page 1**

held at the Commonwealth Election Commission office in Susupe yesterday, Lt. Gov. Arnold Indalecio Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David Mundo Apatang, who are running for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under the NMI Republican Party, drew the No. 3 slot in the ballots.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol said Torres, Palacios, and Rep. Tina Sablan came and picked up their numbers.

Igitol said some candidates drew their numbers, while others picked up their slots, through their representatives.

Igitol said Andrew Orsini, who is seeking re-election as member of the Board of Education representing Saipan, informed CEC that he would settle with whatever number was left.

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DEFICIT**From Page 1**

and Budgeting Act requires the administration to retire the deficit within two years after the deficit has been identified.

The Finance secretary said their third quarter report shows about \$11 million in deficit spending due to COVID-19 expenditures.

"As we know, we are still in a pandemic. We're learning how to live with COVID, but it doesn't end the efforts of

what we are doing to help educate and share with the community about being COVID-free," he said.

Atalig said they anticipate programs and projects to be coming online to help with releasing that deficit, especially into the new fiscal year.

"So we're pretty excited about getting our financials to a better state as we continue to move away from the support that we receive from the federal government," he said.

Atalig said they work hard

to ensure that they have a good return on the investment programs that deal with the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

He said they are now rolling out a BOOST program for small businesses to help them grow and continue to be successful so that the government can get to the pre-COVID numbers in terms of revenue for the government.

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JVA No. 22-081

Opening Date: August 3, 2022

Closing Date: UNTIL FILLED

POSITION TITLE:
DEPARTMENT:
LOCATION:
ANNUAL SALARY:
CONTRACT:
POSITION(S):

Trades Technician: Welder
Power Generation
Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
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One (1)

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- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

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JVA No. 22-063

Opening Date: August 2, 2022

Closing Date: UNTIL FILLED

POSITION TITLE:
DEPARTMENT:
LOCATION:
ANNUAL SALARY:
CONTRACT:
POSITION(S):

Direct Responsible Charge "DRC", aka Trades Supervisor
Water Division
Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA
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Contracted
One (1)

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Duties:

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- Assists in the coordination and inspection of work performed by contractors and engineers;
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- Supervises in the taking of routine water samples for water quality testing;
- Ensures compliance with policies, procedures, safety guidelines, schedules and work specifications;
- Assigns, schedules and verifies completed work involved in the repair and maintenance of a water distribution system;
- May assist in the preparation of the departmental budget;
- Maintains accurate records and prepares reports, such as status reports, diagrams, field logs and requisitions;
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- Responds to customer's inquiries and complaints regarding water service.
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Minimum Requirements:

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Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Customer service principles; Supervisory Principles; Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics.

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'Close to \$2M used to address fire at typhoon debris area on Tinian'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Monday that he issued another 30-day state of significant emergency on Tinian arising from a grass fire that occurred on the island last

June 19 that had spread to a site where typhoon debris that contained toxic chemicals and other e-waste materials had been stored.

In an interview, Torres said

close to \$2 million was allotted for the contract to collect the leftover debris or any toxic materials that were left in the area.

The governor said he is not familiar as to the exact funding

source. "But I'm sure the funding is there and that we need to take care of any toxic materials that are left there," he said.

Torres said the incident affected not just Tinian resi-

dents, but also visitors.

"We are on top of that," the governor said.

In a separate interview Monday, Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan said they are currently waiting for soil samples that will determine if the water table is contaminated.

"As of now, we have a company down there who's making the cleanup. There was some equipment that were brought in," Aldan said.

He said soil samples were sent to the states for verification of the level of any contamination.

"We are already starting to remove some of the debris. We are already packing it and compressing to ship it out," the mayor said.

He said the fire broke out in

an isolated area and that the only concern they had was the underlying water table and of the smoke that was emitted.

Aldan said they are trying to figure out a way to help the people that were relocated from their place.

Last June 23, due to the fire, then-acting Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider declared a major disaster warning to collect and discard the debris left by Super Typhoon Yutu in the area. A contractor was subsequently awarded the contract to collect the leftover debris, conduct tests on the soil, make sure no chemicals are left behind, and prevent contamination of the island's water table. (Ferdie De La Torre)

CEC board to meet to certify candidates, approve ballot layout

The Commonwealth Election Commission board members are going to meet Monday to certify the candidates for the Nov. 8 general election.

The CEC board members are also expected approve the ballot layout in the meeting at the CEC conference room in Susupe.

CEC board chair Jesus I. Sa-

blan also listed on the meeting's agenda a request of inspection at the Department of Corrections.

During the Senate's confirmation of Sablan's re-apPOINTMENT to CEC board last July 22, Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) brought to Sablan's attention the cam-

era issue at DOC as disclosed

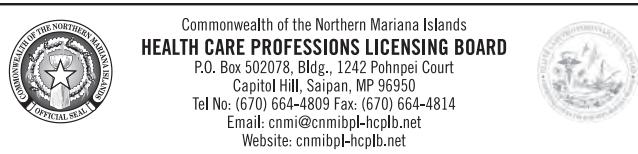
by Corrections Commissioner Wally F. Villagomez during a budget hearing.

DeLeon Guerrero said it was mentioned that some cameras at DOC may require repairs and maintenance.

The senator said her understanding is that ballot boxes that will be used this November election are being secured at a DOC

facility. DeLeon Guerrero asked Sablan to look into this issue to make sure that the ballots are protected and the integrity of the election process is not compromised.

The commissioners are also set to discuss at the Monday meeting the candidacy nominating petition of two candidates, and affidavit of voter registration. (Ferdie de la Torre)



AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (07/13/2022)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairperson's Report
 - A. Nomination of Dr. Angela Sabino to the HCPLB
- VII. Director's Report
 - A. Munis Timekeeper Training
 - B. BPL-HCPLB New Vehicle
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
 - A. Governor's Office
 - B. Legislature
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
 - A. New Application
 - B. Renewal Application
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
- XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
- XV. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date
 - B. Adjournment of Meeting



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Increased rainfall is possible next week

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Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, wetter weather is possible next week on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. A series of passing disturbances could bring periods of heavy rain to these islands from Monday, Aug. 15, to Friday, Aug. 19.

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LDTF, Fresh Factory team up to offer free back-to-school haircuts

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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CORRESPONDENT

With the beginning of another school year now impending, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation and Fresh Factory barbershop are teaming up to offer free back-to-school haircuts to students on Saipan as they prepare for another school year. The event will be hosted at the Fresh Factory in San Antonio on Aug. 14, 2022 (Sunday), and at the Kagman Community Center on Aug. 15, 2022 (Monday).

The free haircuts will be available on location from 10am to 3pm and will be available for both boys and girls aged 16 and younger, with barbers available for the boys and stylists for the girls. Each haircut session will vary depending

on the customer and chosen hairstyles, with the available hairstyles being either a standard or a regular style only. The outreach program is being extended to walk-in customers only. That means students who want to avail of the free haircut do not need to pre-register and may just go directly to the Fresh Factory in San Antonio. Haircuts will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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This outreach is made possible by the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, the CNMI Women's Affairs Office, and the Office of Governor.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter : FCD CN
of the Petition : CIVIL ACTION
for the Change of : NO. 22-0164
Name of: RILEY JAMES : ORDER AFTER
SABLON ESTELLA : HEARING
Petitioner(s) : DEFENDANTS

This matter came before the Court for a Change of Name hearing on August 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 217A, at the Superior Court, Guma' Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Riley James Sablon Estella ("Petitioner") did not appear.

Based on the matters adduced, the Court found that Petitioner did not publish and post as prescribed by order of the Court. The Court continued this matter to allow Petitioner to meet posting and publication requirements.

This matter is continued to August 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 217A. The Petitioner is ordered to appear.

SO ORDERED on the date set forth above in the year 2022.

/s/
TERESA KIM-TENORIO, Associate Judge

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST : Plaintiff, vs. Civil Action No. 21-0169
EDWIN B. TUDELA and PATRICIA A. TUDELA, and PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHRIST through its representative, Pastor Clariza S. Ilarde, Successor in Interest, : SECOND AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Defendants, : Defendants, :
TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, EDWIN B. TUDELA and PATRICIA A. TUDELA:

You have been made as Defendants in the suit filed in this Commonwealth Superior Court by Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT), on its COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

You may file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint filed against you in this action within Twenty-One (21) Days after the date of the last publication of this Summons. You must deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kuya), P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweeve, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your Attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Amended Summons, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Foreclosure.

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After Mar-a-Lago search, the public deserves some answers

O, what portents are these?" demands a deceptively observant character in "Henry IV." Former President Donald Trump must be wondering much the same, after FBI agents searched his home at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. The rest of the country could use some answers too.

Trump himself first detailed the raid on social media. "Nothing like this has ever happened to a president of the United States before," he said, accurately. "After working and cooperating with the relevant government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate," he continued. Characteristically, he then seemed to reveal more than intended: "They even broke into my safe!"

The contents of that safe—and the boxes FBI agents were seen removing from the residence—may well prove explosive. Any such search would've required a federal agent to present an application to a judge under oath showing probable cause that there was evidence of a crime on the premises. The judge would've had to agree. FBI Director Christopher Wray, a Trump appointee, and the highest levels of the Justice Department, likely including Attorney General Merrick Garland, would've had to sign off. Everyone involved must have grasped the gravity of what was about to unfold.

According to several news reports, the probe involves the former president's mishandling of classified documents. For the sake of the country one hopes there's more to the story than that. Although Trump was notoriously careless with sensitive information, the Justice Department almost never prosecutes such crimes absent some complicating factor. To do so against a former president, without strong evidence of obstruction or other serious misconduct, would show atrocious judgment—especially since the commander-in-chief is (to simplify slightly) the ultimate determinant of a document's classification status.

It bears emphasizing that this is a fateful moment for American democracy. Whatever happens next, wherever this investigation leads, there can be no unringing the bell. An FBI raid of the former president's house will have shattered norms, created unnerving precedents and upended politics in ways that are impossible to predict. Trump's supporters—including many in Congress—are already seething with rage and seized with conspiracies. A more combustible situation is hard to imagine.

A sober explanation for these actions is thus essential. So far, both the Justice Department and the FBI have declined to comment. A White House spokesman said President Joe Biden knew nothing of the search in advance. Even accept-

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Alex Jones is no kind of 'theorist'

I don't like using the phrase "conspiracy theorist" to describe people like Alex Jones, because people like Jones are not "theorists." They're snake oil salesmen.

Theorists would be more like scientists. Building on knowledge with hypotheses, perhaps even testing them with research and experiments with controls, collecting data. ... You know, they check to see whether their theories are true.

People like Jones are only interested in getting an audience to believe them. Tucker Carlson immediately comes to mind, but there are others, such as the former president. During the Jan. 6 hearings, witness after witness testified that Donald Trump knew the 2020 election wasn't stolen. But he kept repeating the lie because it was good for the business of Trump. And he kept doing this even after his supporters began threatening poll workers. Even after they threatened to hang the vice president of the United States.

For years Jones has been making millions from the lies he's spread about the young children who were murdered in their school in Newtown, Connecticut. Gotta tell ya, it takes a special kind of person to do that. But in calling the Sandy Hook massacre "manufactured" and "completely fake with actors," all Jones really was doing was presenting America with a choice: keep listening or tune him out. A lot of Americans chose the former, sadly.

We'll see what happens to Jones next now that a jury in Texas awarded plaintiffs Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis a hair under \$50 million in punitive and compensatory damages. Jones' company, Free Speech Systems LLC, filed for bankruptcy protection during the trial. But a witness estimated Jones was worth more than \$270 million.

Even sorting out the murky finances will still be faster than fleshing out the cultural impact. Will Americans be any less likely to believe nonsense like Jones spouted?

It's no wonder that conspiracy theories gain traction. Our government's well-documented history of nefarious activity does give reason to second-guess officials. There is a direct correlation between the unapproved 40-year syphilis studies conducted on Black people in the South and the understandable modern-day hesitation among Black Americans to receive a COVID vaccination—though I do not believe the COVID vaccines are harmful.

More recent events ought to keep us alert for conspiracies as well. Watergate. Falsified police reports and affidavits to justify questionable shootings. Members of Congress doing unusually well in the stock market. Well, it's clear why distrust of the government exists.

However, distrust is a feeling, not a theory. If you have a theory, the next step is to try to find out whether it's correct, to learn more about reality. Not look for ways to prop up hunches

By LZ GRANDERSON

Los Angeles Times



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regarding things we don't like. Jones, Trump, Carlson and their ilk manipulate distrust to supplant reality, not pursue it. When challenged, these charlatans dig in even more, not with information, but with rhetoric that seduces the worst in us.

Their supporters interpret this as principled conviction. Really, the cornered deceivers are just trying to protect their revenue stream or reelection chances. Often, they conflate accountability with witch hunts, or try to change the subject with false equivalencies. When all else fails, they claim they are being canceled.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., in defending Jones, told the CPAC crowd on Friday that the pundit is "being forced to pay out millions and millions of dollars, and no one agrees with what he said, but what we're tired of is the political persecution." Hold up. If no one agrees with what he said, how did he amass millions? And if no one agrees with what he said, why did she regularly appear on Infowars without challenging his words? Like him, Greene too has hurled unsubstantiated claims of a staged mass shooting involving children—in her case, Parkland, Florida,—so maybe she's playing a little pre-emptive defense.

We all know the most delicious moment from the defamation suit was the revelation that Jones' lawyers accidentally sent data from his iPhone, including two years' worth of text messages, to the plaintiffs' lawyers. Given how close Jones and Greene are, maybe she's concerned about some of the exchanges between the two. After all, if what the two of them have shared on social media sites was enough to get them banned, one can only imagine what they may have shared about other mass shootings, the Jan. 6 terrorist attack, the 2020 election and other controversial events privately. If nothing else, it does make me wonder whom else he has been communicating with considering how popular he is with elected officials like Greene. And what was said in those exchanges.

Maybe even what was plotted.

That's when America will be presented with another choice: keep listening or tune them out.

'No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it.'

This year has been very exciting, particularly at the start of the year when the Northern Marianas College was chosen as the new home of the CNMI Small Business Development Center Network, or CNMI SBDC Network—a significant milestone for the CNMI. This is the first time our Commonwealth was granted money for its own Lead Network, distinct from the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network situated in Guam. This essentially means that the CNMI now has full jurisdiction over federal funds awarded to it to expend and execute programs that assists our Saipan, Tinian, and Rota small businesses in providing technical assistance and guidance.

The Friends of Business Summit, held this past Wednesday at the Saipan World Resort, was the first of four signature events planned by CNMI SBDC Network. The Friends of Business Summit was a great kickoff for us as it supports our initiative to integrate the private and public sectors to engage the business community and improve business-related services to increase economic capacity and consumer product and service selection output.

Our office intended to highlight the SBDC's no-cost services and raise awareness of its programs. The no-cost service helps entrepreneurs establish a business or expand earnings and reach by improving operations and marketing. Our community can expect the Summit to be the first of several events being hosted by the collaborative efforts of the CNMI SBDC, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



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For example, the CNMI SBDC Network can now make data-driven decisions versus arbitrary assumptions that one practice works better over the other based on a measurable metric generated by the results of the survey. The SBDC intends to acquire funding for such

research annually so the community may benefit from additional studying and measuring to enhance business services.

The CNMI SBDC Network would like to especially thank the CNMI Department of Labor, the CNMI Bureau of Military Affairs Economic Development Program, the Saipan Zoning Office, the CNMI Department of Commerce, the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority and most especially the CNMI Office of the Governor and the congressional office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for thinking of our small business owners and allotting a portion of the ARPA funds to be utilized at a time when it is most needed through the introduction of the Building Optimism, Opportunities and Stability Together program.

I'd also like to thank the local business owners and managers who attended the summit, our in-person guests from Tinian and



TOGETHER, WE CAN

By NADINE DELEON GUERRERO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Nadine C. Deleon Guerrero is the network director for the CNMI SBDC Network. Prior to assuming her current role, Deleon Guerrero served on the CNMI Cannabis Commission board as its chairwoman where she had direct oversight on establishing the CNMI's cannabis industry. Deleon Guerrero has over 22 years of professional experience, and is currently pursuing her Master's in Public Administration with the University of Guam.

Rota, and the dedicated team at World Resort for helping us put our plans into action.

Ultimately, the CNMI SBDC hopes that hosting the Friends of Business Summit sponsored by the CNMI Small Business Development Center, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce has increased community awareness of the multitude of available services, initiatives, and goals each of our participating presenters had to share so we can all partake in improving the quality of life for all who call the Marianas home.

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Neither Trump nor FBI deserve benefit of the doubt in Mar-a-Lago raid

Artisans quickly retreated to their corners late Monday when news broke that the FBI raided former President Donald Trump's Florida home.

Republicans—including many Texas elected officials—and hard-right commentators declared the U.S. a banana republic, where the ruling regime sics law enforcement on its political enemies. On the left, there was glee over Trump surely headed for prison, even though few know exactly what federal agents were after or why.

Given the history of both the FBI and Trump, the smartest reaction is wait and see.

Federal law enforcement hasn't covered itself in glory recently. Politics seemed to infuse the handling of accusations that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia, especially the credulity (or convenience) that prompted officials to buy into the ridiculous Steele dossier.

More recently, the Department of Justice swallowed specious accusations of "domestic terrorism" to push for investigation of parents with the temerity to address their local elected officials about school operations.

Even the handling of the gymnastic doctor Larry Nassar's despicable sexual abuses came with scandal.

Leftists seem to have forgotten their anger at the tail end of the 2016 campaign, when FBI Director James Comey briefly reopened the investigation of Hillary Clinton's classified emails.

When she narrowly lost to Trump, many blamed Comey. Suddenly, the FBI is unimpeachable?

So, no, don't automatically trust that the FBI told the complete truth to get a judge's permission to raid Trump. Wait for the receipts.

This is, however, Trump. It's preposterous to think that the only possible explanation for the raid is politics.

For many Trump supporters, no amount of paperwork will penetrate their fog about the man. They see no culpability for him in the Jan. 6 riot. The evidence that he should have known that the 2020 election results were legit, that he seemed fine with the assault on the Capitol, that insurrection planners took his words as instructions—it's all "Trump hatred."

They can't acknowledge that Trump's character and narcissism have driven him to ignore rules all his life, so it's not exactly implausible that he violated federal laws without breaking a sweat.

Initial reports suggest that the basis for Monday's raid was classified documents that should have gone to the National Archives, not Trump's private collection. If that's the extent of it, there are serious questions about whether this is an appropriate response.

But if it's about proving he committed a crime in the Jan. 6 case, there better be a mountain of evidence for probable cause—and the American people need to see it ASAP.

It's not about the fact that he's a former president; it's that he's the leading contender to oppose the current president (or his par-

ty's nominee) in the next election. The bar should be high, nearly impossibly so, for law enforcement investigating a political foe of the current administration.

In 2011, federal agents raided the home of longtime Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price. They extracted all sorts of evidence, including more than \$200,000 in cash, an impressive figure for a career public servant to accumulate. Political observers who had raised eyebrows over Price's wealth nodded knowingly, and a bribery conviction seemed sure.

Six years later, Price was acquitted (with some charges declared a mistrial when jurors couldn't agree). That case surely drew a fraction of the federal resources that any Trump case would. And yet the FBI couldn't get its man.

Keep that in mind before you measure Trump for an orange jumpsuit.



Ryan J. Rusak is opinion editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Sarah Jarosz: A gift from the heavens

I have been an off-island CNMI attorney for nearly 20 years and have spent a lot of time on Saipan. Last night I had the privilege and pleasure of attending a concert performed in part by one of

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ing that open investigations require some degree of secrecy, such silence can't last. The Justice Department must level with the public about the broad contours of this probe and divulge why such aggressive action was necessary.

The sheer amount of unpunished wrongdoing that occurred under the Trump administration has many people cheering this extraordinary intervention. It's nothing to celebrate. Trump himself has tested the American system in ways unseen since the 19th century. It's critical that the pursuit of justice does not merely compound the damage.

the great musician-singer-songwriters of our time, Sarah Jarosz. Attending her show inspired me to write a review about her and her music to get the word out about how wonderful she is. I am aware that the article on the whole is a bit hyperbolic, but that is intended for purposes of engendering interest/curiosity.

Joe Iacopino

Santa Monica, CA

Sarah Jarosz performed at the John Anson Ford Theater on Aug. 7, 2022. To call her work "music" is to engage in understatement. It is far better than that. There is no word in existence yet for the sort of intoxicating blend of tones, melodies, and emotions by which she reaches out to you with her seemingly longing embrace.

She masterfully culls beautifully delicious emanations from stringed instruments such as the guitar, mandolin, octave mandolin, and banjo while singing with the powerfully smooth mellow voice of an angel from ethereal heavens. Her bellows incite, her whispers entice. You wonder: Is she really from this earth? Wherever it is she is from, you want to be there...and stay there.

Creator of wonderful heartfelt lyrics that touch the soul and haunt the mind in a delightfully profound way, she weaves personal thoughts and feelings into a magical fabric that transports the spirit on wings of sound.

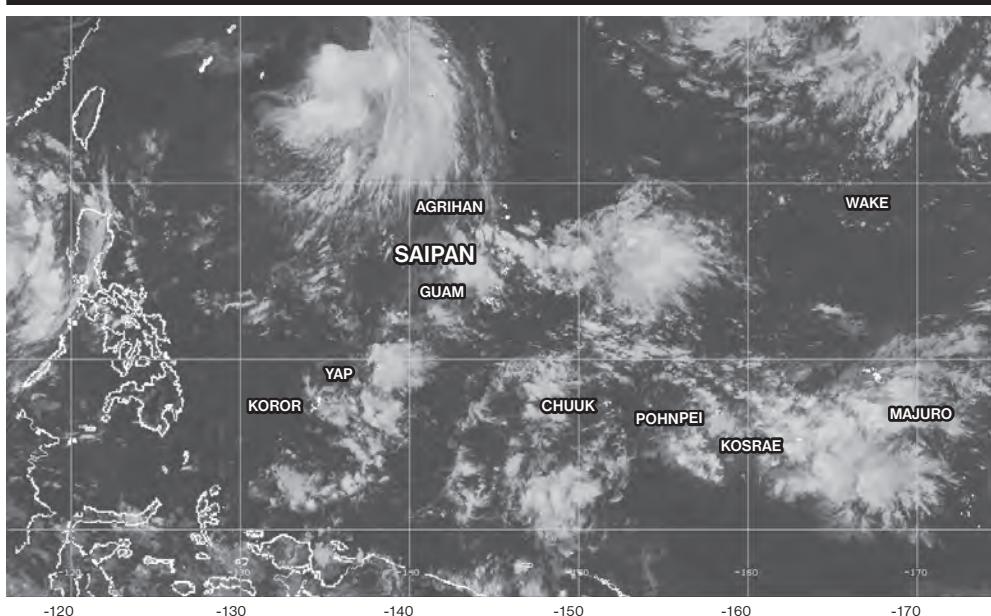
Equally adept at evoking empathy, warmth, and joy from stage

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Scattered showers. Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers. Mostly cloudy	A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
86°	76°	84°	77°	87°
86°	78°	86°	78°	87°
80°				

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:00 AM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

This morning's satellite and radar analysis shows a much quieter picture than this time yesterday, as it features mostly cloudy skies, most of which are some high level clouds. A few showers are also crossing the region. The latest altimetry data and buoy observations shows seas continue to hold in the 3 to 5 foot range.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD



The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

Ons. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>

Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 sec-

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 InfoLine at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp/and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

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Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86°	/	77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	82°	/	74°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85°	/	77°
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85°	/	80°
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	85°	/	81°

AROUND THE GLOBE

		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Sunny	54°	/	43°
Beijing	Cloudy	90°	/	76°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	84°	/	80°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87°	/	75°
London	Sunny	91°	/	63°
Los Angeles	Sunny	91°	/	67°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90°	/	76°
Melbourne	Showers	58°	/	44°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88°	/	81°
New York	Rain	87°	/	70°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	93°	/	81°
Paris	Sunny	94°	/	66°
Busan	Thunderstorms	88°	/	80°
Rome	Thunderstorms	89°	/	68°
Salem	Thunderstorms	84°	/	70°
San Francisco	Cloudy	72°	/	58°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	87°	/	71°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	88°	/	79°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	86°	/	67°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET

1:37 AM	Low Tide	1.35
6:39 AM	High Tide	2.23
2:02 PM	Low Tide	-0.40
8:58 PM	High Tide	2.11

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7</



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Marianas Southern Airways launches its inaugural flight today

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REPORTER

days.

MSA is expecting its second Tecnam plane to arrive on Monday, so regular flights should start around next week Saturday. As for the third Tecnam aircraft, Stewart said MSA expects it will arrive toward the end of the month.

Stewart, who calls the CNMI home, said he is very excited that after nearly two years, MSA is finally at the launching stage of its endeavor. He shared that the path was long and it started with a common goal to help develop the CNMI community.

On Monday, Stewart said, MSA will launch its first flight to Rota at around 8am, then on Thursday, the inaugural flight to Guam will take to the skies at around 11am.

"It's kind of a phase progression because we are running on one aircraft right now. Flight schedules will pick up as we bring in more aircrafts," he said.

Stewart explained that, as of yesterday, MSA only has one of its three Tecnam twin-engine aircraft and one spare plane, so their inaugural flights will have to be spread out throughout the next few

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Photo shows Marianas Southern Airways' airplane, called "The Spirit of Saipan."

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affordable air transportation, it's really impossible for an island economy to grow, let alone thrive. So we looked at it from a business standpoint, trying to look at what we could do, and found that the need was to resolve the lack of affordable transportation," to have a huge impact," Stewart added.

Initially, Stewart said, he and his partners that make up MP Enterprise were working on Marianas Pacific Airlines, which is a larger international airline to connect the islands to Australia, the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. However, due to COVID-19 and the abrupt suspension of

Our goal isn't to just come in and just build an airline here. Our goal is to figure out how do we help this economy thrive. ... We're planning on still purchasing probably three or four more of the Tecnam aircraft... and continue to build up the interisland service.

he said.

"We're extremely excited about what's going on. However, our goal isn't to just come in and just build an airline here. Our goal is to figure out how do we help this economy thrive. So our plan is not to just go through and stop here. We're planning on still purchasing probably three or four more of the Tecnam aircraft, based on the demand, and continue to build up the interisland service. It's going

interisland travel last December, the team decided to focus on the immediate problem—connecting the Marianas through air transportation.

"So as we were working through that during COVID, we kept looking and trying to figure out when's the right time to move forward. When [the COVID variant] omicron was going on, the need to resolve interisland travel was [prominent]. It wasn't what we were plan-

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ning on doing, but we saw that the need was definitely there when interisland service was stopped between islands. That's what started us on the journey," Stewart said. "So we started making some phone calls, and reached out to Southern Airways CEO Stan Little, and in January they flew down and we started meeting and just started putting together what we thought were immediate needs."

Although interisland travel resumed shortly after, Stewart said that, from an emergency standpoint, the team saw the immediate need for another interisland travel provider, which is why their focus has since been launching its interisland service.

Stewart said that once the interisland service has officially launched and has become sustainable, MP Enterprise will revert its focus back to the international side.

"While the interisland travel is going to be transformative for our islands, bringing the international service in will be completely transformative for the economy," he said.



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Marianas Southern Airways president Keith Stewart at the MSA office.



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New airline brings a host of benefits for the CNMI

» 'Our success will be the community's success'

Following the successful launch of Marianas Southern Airways services connecting the Northern Mariana Islands, the airlines' president, Keith Stewart, has spoken about the benefits the fledgling carrier will bring to the CNMI.

"We commenced operations today with three new twin engine Tecnam aircraft that bring state-of-the-art safety and reliability to CNMI travel," said Stewart. "These aircraft are new off the production line and offer

trade, investment, tourism, and travel—not to mention critically important health care accessibility for people living in rural communities, according to Stewart.

Bill Giles, MSA's vice president CNMI/Guam, said that "having a comprehensive route network is essential to the long-term success of the airline." The initial offering will include over 90 weekly flights serving Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. "Importantly, within the next three

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individual air-conditioning controls, a cup holder and a USB charge port at each seat, according to Stewart. "We plan to add another three or four Tecnam's to the fleet over the next year, which will provide the opportunity to offer direct flights between Rota and Guam and Tinian and Guam, as well as adding more frequency to our schedules" he added.

Stewart said that reliable air transportation is vital for the CNMI economy. It provides the city-pair connections that serve as virtual bridges between the islands to support a healthy flow of key economic activities. Air service facilitates links between businesses, governments, and people, enabling

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Graphical illustration shows the aircraft color scheme for Marianas Southern Airways. MSA



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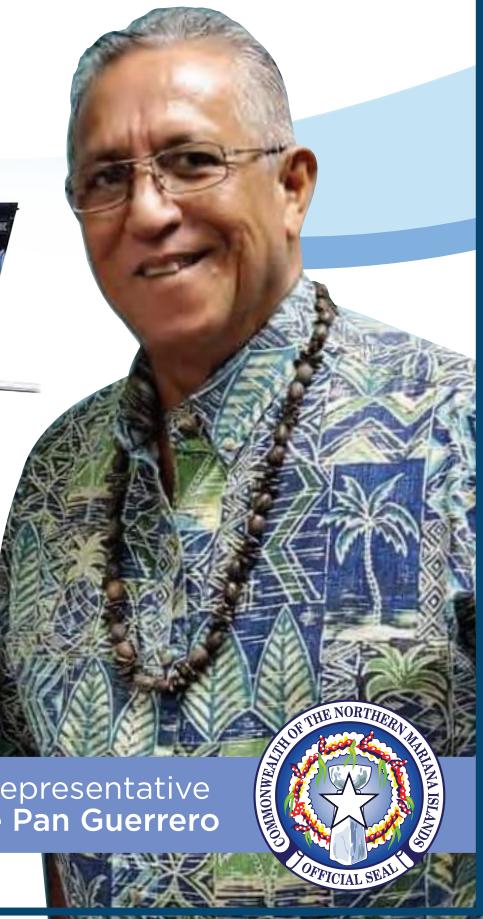


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to ensure that the CNMI has a reliable, reputable, and efficient airline operating between the islands and that each island has the air connectivity they need to support tourism.

Giles is proud to state that the new airline has been able to offer employment to over 20 people on

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and that the pending construction of a state-of-the-art hangar facility at the Saipan airport will provide a much-needed local aircraft maintenance facility and offer further employment opportunities. "We are invested in the CNMI for the long term" said Giles, "and our success will be the community's success." **(PR)**

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From left, Ian Vanderbeek, vice president for Corporate Services; Keith Sisson, chief of staff of Southern Airways Express; Keith Stewart, president Marianas Southern Airways; and Bill Giles, vice president, Marianas Southern Airways-CNMI and Guam. Photos show the launch party that MSA hosted last night.

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Through this partnership, we are able to connect the Marianas closer together, improve the quality of life for our residents through increased seating and cargo capacity, and reduce stress and costs for everyone who travels within and into the Marianas.

We look forward to the success of
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**MARIANAS
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**The next
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The founders of the CNMI's newest airline, Marianas Southern Airways, have their sights firmly focused on putting the region on the international stage. "If we are to drive economic growth, we need to provide a sustainable, reliable international airlink to the CNMI," said Keith Stewart, president of MSA.

"The ability to base and control an international airline locally, offer employment

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and training opportunities to CNMI residents, and significantly boost local economic development is an exciting concept," said Stewart, "and one that my team and I are focused on delivering as the next logical phase of our airline growth plans."

In 2021, Stewart and his vice president CNMI/Guam, Bill Giles, began working on an air service development concept to bring heavy lift back to Saipan. They recognized that the past success of Air Micronesia was heavily attributable to the fact that it was a Saipan-based airline with local leaders and decision-makers. Together, with an internationally experienced team of aviation executives, they have formed Marianas Pacific Airlines, with the goal of bringing high-yield international travelers directly to Saipan. With demand for passenger travel on selected international routes, Marianas Pacific Airlines expects to increase the CNMI's tourism base and stimulate and improve the overall economic stability of the islands.

Over the next three years, Marianas Pacific Airlines initial start-up operations will provide 52 flights per week on seven niche routes using three U.S registered Boeing 757-200 aircraft. The planned B-757 routes will be accessible to over 313 million people in four countries within a 6-hour and 15-min-



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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Shining Star, Inc. Shining Star Trading	06/21/2022 SMS-2022-043	Shining Star Hotel Improvement Project	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved* 08/09/2022
2. Department of Public Works (DPW)	06/28/2022 SMS-00-X-129-A1	As Gonno Solid Waste Transfer Station	As Gonno, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved 08/09/2022
3. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	06/29/2022 SLR-2018-X-120-R5	Banana Boat, Snorkeling, Kayak Stand Up Paddle Board	Fiesta Resort Beach Area Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
4. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	06/29/2022 SLR-2018-X-080-R5	Parasailing	All Designated Parasailing Zones, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
5. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	06/29/2022 SLR-2018-X-081-R5	Personal Watercraft (PWC), Helmet Diving, Jetboard	Kanoa Resort Beach Area, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
6. Akhil Chandra Mollick dba Ichiban Marine Sports	06/29/2022 SLR-2021-049-R2	Commercial Water Jet Craft & Parasailing Operations	All Designated Zones, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
7. JB Corporation dba Saipan Fresh Adventure	06/29/2022 SLR-2020-X-054-R3	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/01/2022
8. Seahorse Inc. Saipan dba Seahorse Tour	06/29/2022 SLR-2018-X-090-R5	Personal Watercraft (PWC), Parasailing, Banana Boat	Beach Area Fronting Fiesta Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/01/2022
9. Marianas Seas Adventures, Inc.	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-071-R5	Scuba Diving Tour	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
10. Mark Arnold L Santos dba Mac's Marine	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-112-R5	Banana Boat, Parasailing, Lagoon Tour, Seawalker	Shipping Channel, Smiling Cove Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/10/2022
11. Auto Marine, Inc.	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-113-R5	Banana Boat, Parasailing, Sea-Walker	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
12. Aquaville, Inc.	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-146-R5	Banana Boat, Seawalker	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
13. Aquaville, Inc.	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-145-R5	Scuba Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction & Hydrobob	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
14. J&K Marine Sports, Inc. dba J&K Marine Sports	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-102-R5	Personal Watercraft with Accessory Use (Jetovator)	Beach Areas Fronting Kanoa Resort, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
15. J&K Marine Sports, Inc. dba J&K Marine Sports	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-069-R5	Banana Boat, Snorkeling, Wakeboard	Lagoon Areas Fronting Kanoa Resort, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/02/2022
16. Asia Pacific, Inc. dba Asia Marine Sports	06/30/2022 SLR-2021-050-R2	Water Jet Craft, Parasailing	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
17. Asia Pacific, Inc. dba Asia Marine Sports	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-111-R5	Banana Boat, Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/09/2022
18. Saipan A-Venture, LLC dba Saipan Adventure	06/30/2022 SLR-2018-X-099-R5	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Grotto, LaoLao Bay & Forbidden Island, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/04/2022
19. AC USA, Inc.	07/11/2022 SLR-2022-046	Scuba Diving Tour	LaoLao Bay, Obyan Beach, Grotto, Island West Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 08/10/2022
20. Sydney J. Takahashi dba Fishguyz Scuba & Charter	07/11/2022 SLR-2018-X-141-R5	Scuba Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/10/2022
21. TaoTao Marianas Inc. dba Tao Tao Marine Sports	07/22/2022 SLR-2018-X-091-R5	Banana Boat Operation	Beach Area North of Grand Vrio Resort, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 08/10/2022
22. Aquatic Marine Co. Inc. dba Aquatic Marine Sports	08/01/2022 SLR-2022-051	Banana Boat, Parasailing, & Snorkeling	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
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25. Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division Of Fish & Wildlife	08/04/2022 SPIM-2022-054	Repair & Replacement of Existing Chain-Link Fence	Smiling Cove Marina, Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 08/05/2022
26. USA Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Manufacture of Cement Block	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
27. Captain Nite's Boat Charter, LLC	08/09/2022 SLR-2022-055	Banana Boat	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

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The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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ute flight time of Saipan. One key objective of this plan is to provide non-stop links to Saipan from Australia, a high-yield tourism market that the Marianas Visitor Authority has sought to access for many years, said Stewart.

Giles points out that the Mariana Islands have had a proud and storied history of international air travel, pre-dating even the Golden Age of Aviation. He reminds us that in 1968 Air Micronesia established its headquarters on Saipan. "Its launch was probably the single most important factor in the economic development that would span the next half-century as, for the first time, once-remote islands in the Pacific were connected to one another and the world at large," said Giles.

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Tinian International Airport Parking Lot Expansion Project, CPA-TA-001-20" and submitted on or before **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of construction of additional parking spaces including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

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A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications and the bid schedule, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each DVD. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA's point of contact mentioned below immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and should verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings.

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Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Two Hundred Forty (240) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

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The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

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In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other local and Federal requirements as outlined in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: July 20, 2022

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Commuter Terminal Building Construction, Project No. CPA-SA-007-19 and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. (CHST), Friday, AUGUST 26, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, construction of a new commuter terminal facility with four (4) airline offices and counter space, restaurant vendor space, restrooms for departure and arrivals, lactating room, office space/counter for U.S. Customs and Border Protection including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. In addition, the contractor is provided an allowance for artwork to be provided at the new commuter terminal. The artwork will be locally themed including, but not limited to, painting, murals, or as determined and coordinated with CPA.

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In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: July 11, 2022



BACK TO SCHOOL

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Preparing your child for school after COVID-19

By TERI M. FLORES
CORRESPONDENT

Its back-to-school season again and the familiar, combined feelings of excitement and nervousness is back in the air. Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic and we are all still trying to understand, adapt, and accept that remote and hybrid learning will now be a part of our daily routine—both for parents and for our school-aged children.

The reality now among families with school-aged children is how to continue



Maricar Manicdao Guintu, center, supervises as her children prepare for the start of classes. It's become a Guintu family tradition to gather her children together—college student Fredric Dean and Saipan International School students Michael Jan and Milarose Jeanne—to prepare their school supplies, which she said is a good bonding moment for the family.

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being flexible and to adjust quickly when there is an immediate change to established routines due to COVID-19. At this point, we are all still trying to practice the lessons we learned living with the virus.

As families begin to normalize daily routines, here are some tips on how your family can address challenges and the tools you may need to adapt to the new normal in our schools.

Plan ahead

"Planning helps me ensure that my children have all that they need—books, school supplies, uniforms and even snacks," said Maricar Manicdao Guintu, a mother to one college student and two high school teens.

The Gualo Rai mom said that planning for school opening has also helped her family save money since they are able to reuse and recycle barely used school supplies.

These days, Guntu said, a big part of her family's back-to-school planning includes learning about the school's safety protocols. "My main worry is that they will catch COVID in school and I believe that the best way to combat this is to teach my children to be proactive in practicing the 3W's—washing hands, wearing a mask, and the six-foot physical distancing rule."

Establish a mental health wellness routine

Medical experts consider COVID-19 as a collective trauma and studies continue to remain inconclusive on the pandemic's long-term impact. What is sure, however, is that cases of anxiety and depression have been soaring among young children and teens. The pandemic has disrupted all established aspects of our lives such as our sense of guidance, of coping, and, to some extent, access to food and basic necessities.

Dr. Nina Chaudhary, child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, said it is important that parents be proactive in checking their children's mental health. "Look for signs of isolation, irritability, low mood, difficulty sleeping, lack of motivation and interest in everyday activities."

Dr. Chaudhary recommends getting professional psychiatric or medical help once parents see these character changes so they can know for sure the reason behind the attitude and mood changes and they can be addressed immediately.

Establish school routines

What once were the norm of waking up at a designated time in the morning to prepare for school or wearing school uniforms were eased during remote learning. But since in-person school is back, this means new morning and sleeping schedules need to be reinforced and followed.

"It's three weeks before school opens and I already have my two teenagers sleeping early so they can wake up early to prepare for school. It's hard because sleeping late became customary, but now I have to be strict with the adjusted sleeping and wake up times to make sure they get the sleep they need," Guintu said.

"My children have also gone back to their habit of organizing and preparing for school the night before, so this will make it easy for them to grab all that they need for school the next day," she added.

Manage expectations. Things take time to change

Since we are still going through some big changes brought by COVID-19, it is expected that we still need more time to go back to what we were once accustomed to, including in-person learning.

Psychiatrists advise not to expect our children to come home with the outstanding grades they used to earn. There will be challenges with the way our children interact with their peers and their teachers because every now and then, they will have to go back to isolation, especially when there is an outbreak in their schools. Set and maintain realistic expectations for your children and anticipate that it will take time for everyone to get to normal routines.

Stay connected with friends

Children, especially the younger ones, are always the most excited to welcome a new school year. But because their interaction with friends and peers were limited due to COVID-19, we still continue to help them improve their social skills. Nemours' KidsHealth recommends that helping children practice by setting up play dates or playing games as a family helps ease their anxiety. As an add-on motivator, praise their good behavior such as showing kindness, sharing, or being a good sport.

Classroom rules

While children have already adjusted to being inside a classroom setting again, the younger ones are still trying to cope with new classroom

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PSS school bus drivers: The kings of CNMI roads

By TERI M. FLORES
CORRESPONDENT

Saipan Tribune spent one morning with some Public School System bus drivers to get a first-hand look into the lives of these men and women who transport our children to and from school, twice a day, five times a week.

We were privileged to meet and know this group of individuals who are passionate and dedicated to their jobs, each one embodying the qualities of what a PSS bus driver is. So who is the PSS bus

driver? He is one who commands respect, a multi-tasker with a heart full of compassion, patience, and loads of understanding to be able to work with students of different ages and upbringing.

Despite the long hours and the exacting demands of the job, the PSS bus driver is also a motivator, cheerleader and, at times, advocates of our school children. And each of them takes their job seriously because nothing is more important for them but the safety of our children on the road while they are on their way to and from school.

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A dream job come to fruition



ROMAN M. REYES
Regular Bus Driver

Being a bus driver is a dream come true for Roman M. Reyes, who is known to his students as either Mr. Roman or Mr. Reyes. "When I was in school, I regularly rode the bus for about six years. I was very nosy, always asking our bus driver a lot of questions about the bus and how it works. Ever since I was a kid, I have always dreamt of being in this environment, taking care of students."

The 27-year-old Reyes is in charge of about 60 students attending Kagman Elementary School, ChaCha Oceanview Middle School, and Kagman High School. Despite being a bus driver for just 10 months, Reyes said the challenges of working with students of varying ages has so far been

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so rewarding that he does not want to consider transferring to any job any time within the near future.

"My goal is to make sure that my students are safe from the time they get on the bus until the time I drop them home. We treat our students as if they are fragile packages that need a lot of care," he said.

It may not be an official part of their responsibilities, but being a bus driver also means being a mood gauger. "Every day with my students is a different day. Their moods when they get on the bus is a key indicator of how their day will turn out," said Reyes.

He said dealing with children aged between seven to 18 years old may pose a huge challenge, but he says open communication and mutual respect is the key to a harmonious relationship between a bus driver and his students.

"I treat them as if they are my own children. Talking to them allows me to understand them more. I just try to get along with them as much as I can to see where they are coming from. All students are different, they all come from different households so it's important that I get to know them so I know when to help and how to help when

they need help," he said.

Reyes said his interaction with his students have helped him relate to his own nephews and nieces. "I learn a lot from my bus riders and whatever lessons I learn, I try to apply them in real life situations."

Reyes considers the appreciation his students and their parents have shown him as the biggest rewards of his job. "My students have given me many gifts during appreciation day to show me

how much they value me. I was really surprised, thankful, blessed and so proud of what I do," he added.

With school opening just a few weeks away, Reyes has this friendly reminder to his students and parents: "Please be at the bus stop 5 minutes earlier than the pick-up time. Parents should not worry because I will take care of their children. I will keep them safe when I pick them up and drop them home."

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JONATHAN S. KAPILEO

Regular Bus Driver

For the past four years now, Jonathan S. Kapileo has been the bus driver of students from the San Vicente and Dandan Elementary Schools and Marianas High School. He

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traded his tourist bus driver uniform to be a school bus driver because he finds it more engaging and rewarding to be involved in the process of helping students learn.

"It's a good feeling dealing with kids, you learn a lot. Dealing with kids requires being sensitive to their attitude and behavior. You have to get your priorities straight first and be open to learning their attitude and behavior because everything all comes down to the kids," he said.

Kapileo said being a school bus driver is not an easy task since one must be an efficient multi-tasker to succeed. On top of their main duty of driving the bus and keeping the students orderly during their travel to school, school bus drivers now also have to implement the 3W's of COVID-19 protocol—masking up, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing—before they can close the bus doors and drive to their next destination.

"As a bus driver you need to stay focused because the safety of our students is in your hands. You cannot be distracted with your own worries. When the students are on the bus, your priority is your student's safety," he said.

This father of four says that in order to be an effective and efficient school bus driver, one has to have patience, understanding and greater awareness of one's surroundings because you are the only one on the bus that is present and capable of keeping students safe.

Kapileo says he enjoys his job mainly because he deals with kids of different ages ranging from seven to 18 years old, from kindergarteners to senior high school students.

"I enjoy this job because we deal with different kids. Every child is different. Every kid grows up in a different environment. We can't control that, but when they get on our bus we need to be able to control them and work with them, not just for our own safety but the safety of others as well. We drive, we teach, we help our students along the way so that when they get to school, they are ready to learn."

Kapileo has this kind reminder to local motorists: "Please pay attention on the road and do not ignore our stop arm because a driver's recklessness makes it more dangerous for everyone on the road, most especially, our children."

The Joys of Working With SPED Students



RITA RAMANGMOU AGULTO

Bus Driver for SPED Bus

NORBERT LOPEZ AMBALAN

Bus Conductor for SPED Bus

At 32 years as a PSS employee, Rita R. Agluto is the longest serving employee in the group. She started in the school system in 1998 in the Food Service Department and then moved to the Office of Pupil Transportation to become a school bus conductor until finally becoming a

school bus driver for students with special needs.

A mother to six children but now an empty nester, Agluto said she will not trade her job for any other, even within the Public School System. "I like working with special needs students. I learn a lot from them, especially communicating through sign language. I enjoy driving the bus for them and making them feel comfortable on their way to school."

Similar to the other bus drivers, Agluto said the job challenges can be big at times, most especially since she handles special needs students. "Sometimes, some of the students do not want to follow instructions and they just want to sit anywhere. But we try and work with them. We try to make them understand even if it's hard for them to do that," said Agluto.

Bus conductor Norbert L. Ambalan shares Agluto's sentiments, but he says in the end and after much coaxing, students will "eventually listen and follow."

Agluto said she works with the students' teachers in threshing out issues. For the most part, Agluto and Ambalan agree that while their students may not be as communicative as other students, their students are more dis-

ciplined and respectful.

"I like making our students feel good. I treat them like they are my own kids. ...I do not like it when other people look down on them," said Agluto.

A former cook at a local restaurant, Ambalan is the newest addition to the team, having been in the system for just nine months. He applied for a job in the bus fleet, but he did not expect to be assigned to special education.

"I have no regrets. I like my job and I like working with our students, I will not trade this job for something else," said Ambalan.

This father to a 2-year-old son and another child on the way, Ambalan said he applies the lessons he has learned interacting with special needs students to his son, especially when it comes to discipline.

Ambalan urges motorists to be cautious while driving, especially when they see the SPED bus. To parents, Ambalan asks for their patience during mornings when their children are not in the mood to ride the bus and go to school. "Please listen to them," he said.

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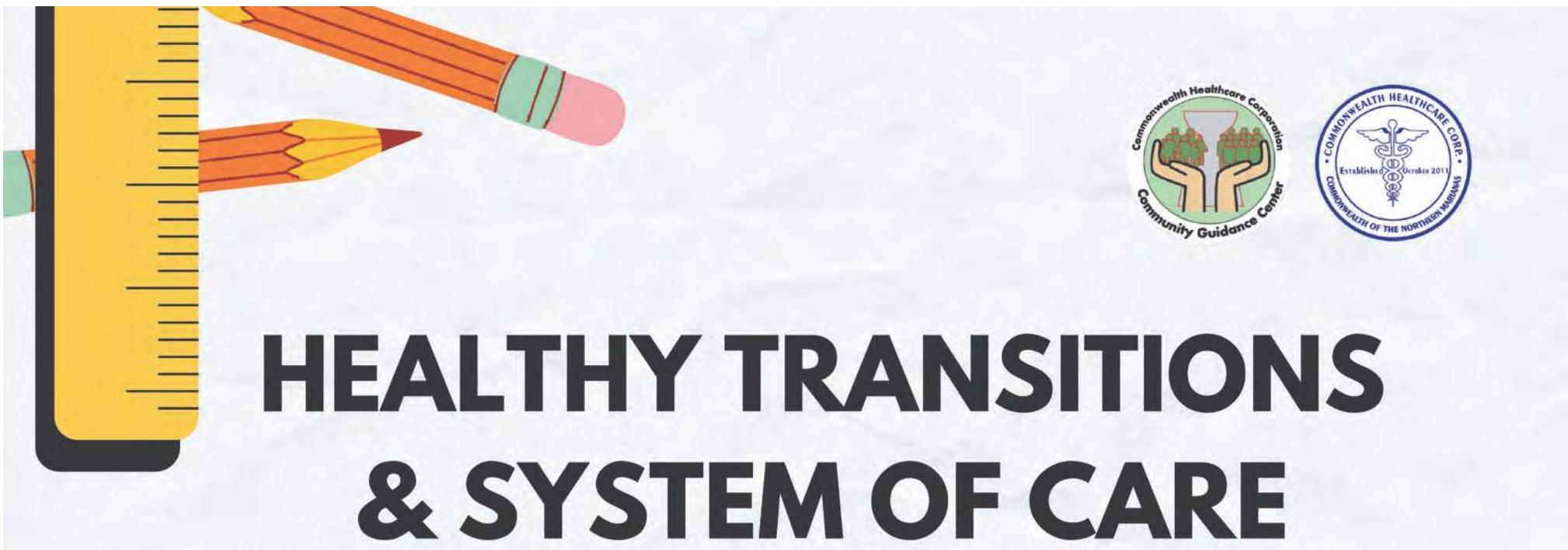
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The Disciplinarian



JOHN OLOPAI TAITANO

Regular Bus Driver

John O. Taitano believes he carries the reputation of being the "most hated" PSS school bus driver because he runs his bus like a tight ship. Under his watchful eye, his students either follow his rules or they have the choice not to take his bus.

But, despite what his students think he is, Taitano is, in fact, a very congenial man with an easy smile and welcoming demeanor. He just happens to be a strict disciplinarian who wants order among his students. He says his reputation gives him the motivation to wake up in the mornings, eager to do his job.

"Be a thermostat, not a thermometer" is Kapileo's guiding principle. He believes that a school bus driver should be able to gauge the mood of his students so he can provide them the support they need to be ready for the school day. "Every student comes from a different background and circumstances. As the school bus driver and being one of the first people they will interact with during the day, it's important that we set them up for success by lifting their spirits, cheering them up, and paying them extra attention when they need it. A cheerful morning greeting and a welcome smile always works wonders," said Kapileo.

This 12-year veteran of the fleet acknowledges that, while the job may be hard it is very rewarding. Earning a good, livable salary is just one of three big takeaways of the

job. Second is the opportunity to get a deeper understanding and appreciation of human nature based on their daily interaction with their students. For Kapileo, most important of all is the good working relationship the bus drivers have with each other on top of a work environment that encourages unity and camaraderie. "I love these guys. You can never find a better group of people than my co-workers. They are what keeps me in my job. They are just awesome."

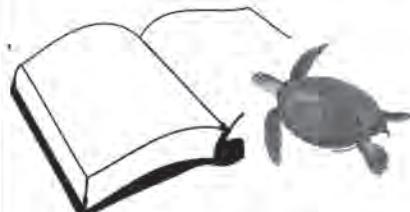
He is also very proud of the bond he has with his stu-

dents. "I'm proud of the trust my students have on me. Being from the south where my students are also from, they ask my help to mediate and solve problems they have in school."

Kapileo has this message for students and parents this coming school opening: "I hope that they [students] do not forget to bring their masks and observe the safety protocols. To the parents, help us help them make it easier and safe for their children to attend school."

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4. Speak with your school counselor if you are experiencing difficulties
5. Always wear your mask, wash your hands and observe social distancing at all times

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Creating ideal learning space in a classroom

By TERI FLORES
CORRESPONDENT

While parents and students are busy shopping and preparing for school opening, we find our teachers and instructors also caught in the same shopping frenzy. Their shopping list, however, looks more extensive than the regular supply of pencils, paper, and crayons. On their list you will find hammers, paint, construction tapes and all other materials meant to create a conducive hub of learning for this year's scholars.

While the classroom's overall aesthetics of design and color excite the senses and inspire creativity, there is still the question of whether teachers are missing opportunities to create a classroom that maximizes teaching and learning.

So what is the ideal classroom setup? Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School teacher Victoria Nishida considers a conducive learning environment important for student's success as it promotes academic achievements and social and emotional well-being. She believes that, in a positive learning environment, students develop sense of moral and civic traits of competence, citizenry, and responsibility. The long-term effect is that our students become productive, knowledgeable,

and proactive members of our society.

Nishida, who has been teaching math, social studies, and science for 11 years now, said, "Gone are the days of the traditional classroom setup, where students' desks were in rows while the teacher positioned herself in front and center of the room."

Compared to previous years, teachers now have taken more of the role of facilitator of learning. The classroom layout has changed to reflect the teacher's changing role, said Nishida.

The Chalk Blog provides the following suggestions to creating an ideal classroom

■ Make the room a "learning studio" by populating the room with movable furniture and walls that can be reconfigured for different learning situations that will allow for collaborative, individual or group learning.

■ Keep materials ready and abundant—including books so that a student can engage in casual reading if they have a spare moment.

■ Create a place where students can meet and feel secure—students learn from each other, they need a consistent environment where they can have face-to-face interactions. Provide comfortable seating and lighting for students who need an alternative to the typical classroom chairs and desks.

CHILD

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rules and setup. Educational experts recommend that, for those in this age group, parents could help their children by reminding them that the rules are there to keep everyone safe

Keeping up with schoolwork

By now, many students have already adjusted well to remote learning. However, studies show that children with learning issues, those with attention deficit hyperactivity disorders or ADHD, and some who have little or no access to technology have struggled to cope.

Guintu said that, as parents of student achievers, the best thing she did was to lift the pressure on her children who were worrying about coping with a new workload and getting grades that were lower than expected. "It also helped that teachers were there to help my children catch up with schoolwork if they felt they were lagging behind."

Stay flexible and adaptable

As a family, Guintu said they had to learn to adapt and anticipate changes to workload and schedules at a short notice to ensure that the children's studies were not disrupted.

"As parents, we have learned that the best way to support our children is to stay mentally flexible. We worked with teachers to stay on top of school schedules and we made sure that we can go to them at any time to talk about our children's progress in case they would need extra help with schoolwork."

Be present and consistent

Children need stability during times of changes. Dr. Chaudhary said the best help parents can give is to be present, predictable, and consistent.

"Giving time and emotional support and understanding their daily challenges is what we tried to always give our children. It's compassion, warmth, and calm that made them overcome the setbacks," Guintu said.

Life & Style

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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Couple's pandemic romance stumbles into rocky patch

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Kirk," and I have been dating exclusively for nearly two years and live together. We met during the pandemic, so for the first year or so, we mostly hung out -- just the two of us. Since the world has opened back up, I've been encountering some problems now that we're able to socialize with others.

Kirk often becomes silent and moody when we are around my friends. He'll often leave early and abruptly without saying a proper goodbye. I find it incredibly rude. We've talked about it a number of times, but it continues. Kirk never acts this way around his own friends or family.

He also sometimes becomes terse, irritable and depressed when it's just the two of us, typically before or during an outing. Because of this, a number of promising date nights have ended badly.

As his behavior continues, it makes me more and more angry. Kirk says this is just the way he is and he can't be happy all the time. Is a relationship worth trying to save if you can't consistently have fun with each other outside the house?

MYSTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MYSTIFIED: A relationship doesn't have to be a laugh a minute to be successful. However, Kirk appears to be an introvert or possibly suffering from a social anxiety disorder, which would explain his behavior around your friends. If that's the case, consider minimizing the amount of time and number of people he's exposed to. What I find troubling is your statement that he sometimes becomes so terse and irritable, your dates are canceled at the last minute. This indicates (to me) that the romance may be cooling. The way to find out if it's true would be simply to ask him.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother's side of the family are greedy, self-involved, narcissistic, self-important alcoholics. My mother "escaped" five years ago when she drank herself to death. My aunt was kind of a second mother to me because Mom wasn't around much when I was growing up.

Since Mom passed, my aunt has been acting like she's all alone and our family wants her around only for whatever she can do for them. I have never asked her for anything; I just enjoy her company. She is now facing a possible cancer diagnosis and saying that since she had no children and she's done everything on her own, she'll do this alone as well.

How can I get her to realize that while I'm not her child, I'm here for her for whatever she needs? I still haven't gotten over my mom dying, and I know I couldn't handle it if she were to pass, too. Then I really would have no family left. Any advice you could give me would be greatly appreciated.

DYSFUNCTIONAL IN KANSAS

DEAR DYSFUNCTIONAL: Pay your aunt a visit. Find out if that "possible" cancer diagnosis is definite. If it isn't, thank your higher power. If it is, tell her you love her and are grateful for the love and support she has shown you when you needed it and that she's not as alone as she thinks she is. Make clear that you will support her during this period in any way she needs if she will let you. That is all you can do without being intrusive.

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Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Brazil police recover art masterpieces stolen in elderly con

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—

Police in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday were seeking the arrest of six people accused of involvement in stealing 16 artworks together valued at more than 700 million reais (\$139 million), some of which were recovered.

Police said in a statement that the group stole the works from an 82-year-old widow, who had been married to an art collector and dealer.

The haul included museum-quality pieces from Brazilian

masters Tarsila do Amaral and Emiliano Di Cavalcanti. Video provided by police showed them finding more than 10 works underneath a bed and, at the bottom of the pile, was "Sol Poente" - a do Amaral painting of a brilliant-hued sunset.

"Wow! Look who's here!" one officer exclaimed as she removed bubble wrap from the work. "Oh, little beauty. Glory!"

The theft was orchestrated by the widow's daughter, according to the statement, which didn't

provide either of their names.

The daughter was among those arrested Wednesday, according to local media, which also showed images of a woman attempting to escape through a window as police arrived.

The paintings weren't stolen in a heist, but rather through a bizarre con. In January 2020, a self-proclaimed soothsayer approached the widow in the Copacabana neighborhood and informed her that her daughter was sick and soon to die, according to

the police statement.

The widow, who holds mystical beliefs, was compelled to make bank transfers totaling 5 million reais over the course of two weeks for supposed spiritual treatment. Her daughter, who encouraged the payments, proceeded to fire domestic employees so her accomplices could enter the residence unimpeded and remove the artworks. Upon receiving threats from her daughter and the accomplices, the widow made additional bank transfers.



In Loving Memory

**XAVIER ATALIG
CASTRO**

December 3, 1971 - August 8, 2022

Xavier Atalig Castro passed away on August 8, 2022 at the age of 50, surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by his father, Joaquin Quichoco Castro and mother, Margarita Atalig Castro.

Xavier is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Williema Duque Castro; four children: Maiana, Samaya, Lorenzo, and Giovanni; family - Dorsha & Luis Moreno Jasha & Travis Potter (Reese Potter), Torren Morenol, Deanna & Phil Sablan (Jordan Castro, Reece Sablan, Nathaniel Sablan), Dionne Castro & † Sachelle Featheran (Kiara & Jose Salgado (Malina Salgado, Marley Salgado)), Donnalynn & Joe Camacho (Tori Camacho, Ava Camachol), Christopher Castro, Isaiah Rodriguez-Thibodeau, and Daniel Castro; extended family and friends.

A dedicated spouse, father, sibling, and friend, he often referred to himself as a friend collector. He felt like he could never have enough friends, and found great joy in touching the lives of those around him. A parishioner of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, Texas. Xavier believed in giving back to his community, serving as a Cubmaster and Den Leader for the Cub Scouts of America, and as a board member for the community swim team.

Xavier made lifelong friends while pursuing his education at Fresno State, and later while earning his MBA at UH Manoa. His career took him to several destinations, and he was proud to have served the CNMI as a Director of Finance. His recent role as a Senior Consultant for Zuri Group gave him the opportunity to be of service to others by helping non-profit organizations succeed.

An avid athlete, he was well-known by his friends and family for being passionate about health, nutrition and fitness. If he wasn't running or hiking, he was often found training for an obstacle course like Tough Mudder or Spartan.

Xavier was caring, courageous, inspirational, easy-going, patient, and could easily bring comfort with a kind smile. He has blessed the lives of so many with his love and compassion.

Saipan Masses:

Kristo Rai Church

8/10	6:00 pm
8/11 -13	6:00 am
8/14	8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 am

St. Jude Church

8/10-13	6:00 pm
8/14	6:00 am / 8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 pm

Texas Funeral Service:

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church

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Funeral Mass: 8/17 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)**

Reception: 8/17 from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (CST)

** You can view a livestream of the Texas funeral mass on 8/17 11:00 am CST by going to the link below
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVKpDmNvHv1YffUAysrlyNQ>

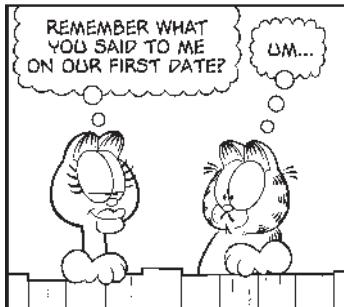
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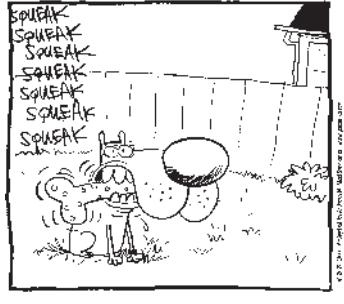
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19 Corrodes	46	Singer Lovett	10 One Hotel	36	Some Pacific salmon
20 Monk's home	47	Tools with teeth	11 Furniture	37	Pickling herb
22 Raw minerals	48	51 Label	16 "Cold As Ever" rapper	38	"Hi, sailor!"
24 Paint layer	49		19 Seized vehicle	39	Implement
25 Skillet with low sides	50		20 Bank statement no.	40	Garbage barge
29 Gear-wheel tooth				42	Roast VIPs
30 Prefix with "logical"				43	"Caught ya!"
31 Bathroom, to a Londoner				44	"I — Rock"
32 Refuse holder				45	Eggy quaff

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 8-12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rudy Pankow, 24; Imani Hakim, 29; Cara Delevingne, 30; Yvette Nicole Brown, 51.

Happy Birthday: Your mind is sharp, and very little will escape your notice this year. Dive into the things that bring you joy, and expand your friendships, horizons and expectations. Use your ability to capture what's happening around you, and add your Midas touch to enhance whatever you decide to pursue. Think big, but keep your costs down in order to prosper. Your numbers are 1, 12, 23, 25, 34, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your best foot forward. Enjoy the company of people who share the same pastimes and goals. Make personal enlightenment, self-improvement and romance your priorities. Don't wait for people and opportunities to come your way; do your part and make things happen. **★★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refuse to let anyone back you into a corner. Be honest about what you want; you'll ward off getting stuck with someone else's responsibilities. Don't let the changes or choices others make ruin your day or your time with loved ones. **★★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stabilize your future by working extra hours. Don't give someone the chance to outmaneuver you. Take physical action, improve your reputation and recruit people who share your objective. Personal improvements are heading your way. **★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a creative approach to how you do your job or handle responsibilities, and you will re-

ceive praise for your ingenuity. A partnership will develop between you and someone who shares your concerns. A proposal is worth considering. **★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shine brightly and become a leader who makes a difference. Engage in what's essential and will make a difference in your community or your family. Set standards and boundaries to ensure you get what you want at an affordable cost. **★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stand up and be counted. An intelligent approach to getting others to see things your way will far exceed using force or emotional tactics. State your point of view and carry on, regardless of who decides to participate. Knowledge is power. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your money in a safe place and don't share personal information. Consider what's important to you. Take the road that allows you to focus on making your dreams come true. Personal improvement will boost your confidence and attract attention. **★★★★**

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being patient, truthful and setting priorities that promote a happy, healthy lifestyle will motivate you to take care of unfinished business and to move on to pastimes that put a smile on your face. Love, romance and physical improvements are encouraged. **★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to get wrapped up in someone's drama. Think about how you can improve your life without the fallout from loved ones who don't want change. A slight adjustment will prompt someone you love to participate. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look over your options and consider what's physically possible. It's up to you to do the legwork required to take advantage of a unique opportunity. Don't let envy or anger stand between you and what you are trying to achieve. **★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your feelings; you'll change how others think. Show passion, and you'll drum up interest in helping you make a difference. You'll be most comfortable when allowed to do your own thing. Shine brightly and light the way for others. **★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are insistent, suggestive and outgoing. You are playful and established.

•: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. **★★**: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. **★★★**: Focus and you'll reach your goals. **★★★★**: Aim high; start new projects. **★★★★**: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

9	3	2	8	1	6	5	7	4
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Sudoku by Conceptis Puzzles, Inc.

WONDERWORD

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA

By DAVID OUELLET

Solution: 8 letters

K	S	P	A	N	I	S	H	S	P	R	I	N	G	S
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Santana's drive gives Mariners 4-3 win over slumping Yankees



SEATTLE

(AP)—Carlo Santana snapped an 0-for-17 slump with a go-ahead two-run homer during Seattle's three-run seventh inning, and the Mariners rallied to beat the slumping New York Yankees 4-3 on Wednesday.

Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 45th homer of the season for the Yankees, who have lost eight of 10.

Thanks to two tense, one-run victories, Seattle took two of three from New York for the second straight week to win the season series 4-2.

Kyle Higashioka hit a go-ahead, two-run homer on the 115th and final pitch from Seattle starter Robbie Ray in the seventh to snap a 19-inning scoreless streak for the Yankees, and Judge's longball against Penn Murfee (3-0) made it 3-1 later in the frame.

Murfee then retired D.J. LeMahieu and Anthony Rizzo, Diego Castillo pitched a perfect eighth, and Paul Sewald worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Albert Abreu (2-2) left a changeup in the middle of the plate and Santana drove it out to score Mitch Haniger.

Brewers 4, Rays 3

In Milwaukee, Rowdy Tellez hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and made a key defensive play in the 10th, setting up Willy Adames' game-ending RBI single that gave Milwaukee the win over Tampa Bay.

Adames had struck out in his previous three at-bats before he came up in the 10th following an intentional walk to Christian Yelich. His grounder off Ryan Thompson (3-3) got past diving shortstop Taylor Walls and scored automatic runner Tyrone Taylor from second base.

In the top of the 10th, first baseman Tellez fielded Walls' grounder and threw to third to cut down automatic runner Francisco Mejia. Catcher Victor Caratini then threw out Walls trying to steal second.

Devin Williams (3-2) ended the inning by striking out Jose Siri.

Tellez, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the sixth, led off the ninth with his 23rd homer, a drive to center off Colin Poche that made it 3-3.

Dodgers 8, Twins 5

In Los Angeles, Chris Taylor hit the go-ahead home run in the sixth inning, Joey Gallo added a three-run shot in the seventh and Los Angeles won its 10th straight.

Max Muncy also went deep for the Dodgers, who have the majors' best record at 77-33 and are 16 games in front

of second-place San Diego in the NL West.

Jorge Polanco and Gary Sanchez homered for Minnesota, which fell out of the AL Central lead after its loss and Cleveland's win at Detroit.

Taylor gave the Dodgers a 5-4 advantage with his first home run since June 3, a solo shot to left field off reliever Michael Fulmer (4-5). Gallo came on as a pinch hitter and provided some breathing room with a three-run drive to left-center.

David Price (1-0), the third of six Dodgers pitchers, got the win.

Mets 10, Reds 2

In New York, Francisco Lindor scored three runs, tying a franchise record by crossing the plate in 13 consecutive games, and New York breezed past Cincinnati for its sixth straight win.

Lindor finished 2-for-3 with a walk and a two-run single in the second inning that increased his RBI total to 82, matching Jose Reyes in 2006 for the most by a Mets shortstop.

His run-scoring streak is the longest in the majors this season and matched David Wright (July 13-29, 2008) for the longest in Mets history.

Taijuan Walker (10-3) pitched six solid innings. Trade-deadline addition Daniel Vogelbach drove in three runs.

Padres 13, Giants 7

In San Diego, Brandon Drury hit a go-ahead, three-run home run in the sixth and Austin Nola's two-run homer capped a seven-run rally — all with two outs — that carried San Diego past San Francisco.

The Padres fell behind 4-0, surged ahead 6-4 after Manny Machado's two-run double ignited a six-run rally in the third and then fell behind 7-6 in the sixth. But the Padres came through with another big rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Drury lined a 1-2 pitch from Yunior Marte (0-1) into the seats in left field with two outs to make it 9-7.

Robert Suarez (3-1) pitched 1 2/3 innings in relief.

Angels 5, Athletics 4

In Oakland, Calif., Magneuris Sierra hit an RBI single in the 10th inning, then doubled home the go-ahead run in the 12th that lifted Los Angeles to a three-game sweep of Oakland.

Jaime Barria (2-2) limited the A's to an unearned run in three innings of relief to pick up his first win since May 8.

The teams traded runs in the 10th inning, with Sierra and Ramon Laureano producing RBI singles. Austin Pruitt



Seattle Mariners players dance as they celebrate their 4-3 win over the New York Yankees in a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, in Seattle.

(0-1) gave up Sierra's deciding double.

The Angels took a 3-0 lead in the sixth on a three-run homer by Luis Rengifo, his seventh of the year.

Phillies 4, Marlins 3

In Philadelphia, J.T. Realmuto hit an RBI single that capped a three-run rally in the eighth inning off NL ERA leader Sandy Alcantara, and Philadelphia got its seventh straight win.

Kyle Schwarber had three hits and drove in two runs as the Phillies won for the 12th time in 13 games. They are 41-19 since June 1, vaulting them into second place in the wild-card race.

JJ Bleday singled, doubled, tripled and drove in a run for Miami, which has lost nine of 11.

Alcantara (10-5), a leading candidate for the NL Cy Young Award, began the day with a 1.88 ERA. He had allowed only two hits and held a 3-1 lead before the Phillies tagged him for six hits in the eighth.

Guardians 3, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Steven Kwan hit a leadoff triple and scored to Cleveland get off to a solid start and beat Detroit.

A few hours before the first pitch, the Tigers fired general manager Al Avila to end his seven-year tenure without a postseason appearance.

Cleveland started the day tied with Minnesota for first place in the AL Central. The Guardians lead the last-place Tigers by 16 games in the division.

Aaron Civale started for Cleveland after being on the 15-day injured list with wrist inflammation and retired the first nine batters. Civale gave

up two runs and three hits while striking out four over four innings. James Karinchak and five other relievers — including Bryan Shaw (5-2) — combined for five innings of scoreless relief. Emmanuel Clase gave up one hit in the ninth, earning his 26th save.

Drew Hutchison (1-6) allowed three runs on eight hits and a walk over five innings for Detroit.

Cubs 4, Nationals 2

In Chicago, Nico Hoerner homered to ignite a four-run rally in the seventh inning that sent Chicago past Washington.

Hoerner's seventh home run ended a shutout bid by Nationals starter Josiah Gray.

Rookie Joey Meneses homered in his third straight game for the Nationals, who have lost seven of eight.

Nick Madrigal hit a single off reliever Steve Cishek (1-3). Rafael Ortega followed with a sacrifice fly off Cishek, and Ian Happ capped the comeback with an RBI single off Carl Edwards Jr.

Michael Rucker (1-1) pitched a scoreless seventh to earn his first major league win. Rowan Wick struck out Marcell Ozuna with the tying run at first to end the eighth and earned his sixth save in eight opportunities.

Braves 8, Red Sox 4

In Boston, top Atlanta prospect Vaughn Grissom homered onto Lansdowne Street in his major league debut, and Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run homer to lead the Braves.

Called up earlier in the day from Double-A, the 21-year-old Grissom hit the first pitch he saw in the seventh inning over the Green Monster and the seats above it and onto

the street below for his first big-league hit. Grissom also singled in the ninth, stole second and scored as Atlanta completed a two-game sweep.

The last-place Red Sox lost their fourth straight game, and their sixth of seven.

Kyle Wright (14-5) allowed one run on one hit and one walk in six innings, striking out five for the 10th win in 12 decisions.

Red Sox trade deadline pickup Tommy Pham homered for the third straight game. Nick Pivetta (8-9) pitched six innings, allowing three runs — Ozuna's homer — and five hits with two walks while striking out five.

Royals 8, White Sox 3

In Kansas City, Mo., MJ Melendez hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to send Kansas City past Chicago.

Melendez and Salvador Perez both had three hits and two RBIs for the Royals. Kyle Isbel drove in two runs and scored twice.

After leading all minor leaguers with 41 home runs last year, Melendez has 14 in 81 big league games this season. The left-handed-hitting rookie sent a pitch from lefty reliever Jake Diekman (5-2) into the right-field bullpen to give Kansas City a 4-3 lead.

Isbel hit a two-run single in the eighth and scored on Melendez's single. Perez added an RBI single to make it 8-3.

Josh Staumont (3-1) worked a perfect seventh for the win.

Rangers 8, Astros 4, 10 innings

In Houston, Leody Taveras drove in a career-high five runs, including a bases-clearing double as part of a five-run 10th inning to lead Texas.

Marcus Semien hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly off Phil Maton (0-2) to put Texas ahead 4-3 in the 10th and Corey Seager followed with an RBI single. The Rangers loaded the bases again on a single by Adolis Garcia, and two batters later, Taveras cleared them with a drive into the right-center gap.

Taveras also had a sacrifice fly in the sixth and an RBI triple in the fourth off Justin Verlander.

Taylor Hearn (5-6) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Cardinals 9, Rockies 5

In Denver, Albert Pujols and Nolan Arenado homered and combined for seven hits, and Jose Quintana made his second strong start for St. Louis.

Pujols and Arenado had run-scoring hits in the Cardinals' five-run first inning and connected on back-to-back homers in the sixth for an 8-2 lead. Pujols had four hits and finished a triple short of the cycle.

Quintana (4-5) gave up two runs and seven hits and struck out six in his second quality start since being obtained from Pittsburgh on Aug. 1.

Paul DeJong tied a career high with four hits and had an RBI, Lars Nootbaar had two triples and two RBIs and Yadier Molina had two hits and an RBI as St. Louis rebounded from a 16-5 loss in the first game of the series Tuesday that broke its seven-game winning streak.

Pirates 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Rodolfo Castro had two hits to spark the offense one night after a smartphone faux pas, and Pittsburgh beat Arizona.

The sparse crowd at Chase Field didn't give Castro too much grief for the phone gaffe, though a couple of jeers could be heard during his first at-bat. Castro didn't seem to mind, responding with a single. He added a triple in the sixth inning and scored on Greg Allen's double to make it 5-2.

The Pirates jumped out a 2-0 lead in the third when Ben Gamel's double to the right-center gap brought home Jason Delay and Kevin Newman. Pittsburgh pushed its advantage to 3-0 in the fourth on a double steal as Tucupita Marcano darted home from third base while Delay was caught in a rundown between first and second.

Pirates starter Mitch Keller (4-8) gave up three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings. Eric Stout got the final out for his first career save, helping the Pirates wiggle out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth.

Serena Williams says 'countdown has begun' to retirement

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Saying "the countdown has begun," 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams announced Tuesday she is ready to step away from tennis so she can turn her focus to having another child and her business interests, presaging the end of a career that transcended sports.

In an essay released Tuesday by Vogue magazine, and a post on Instagram — the sorts of direct-to-fans communication favored these days by celebrities, a category she most definitely fits — Williams was not completely clear on the timeline for her last match, but she made it sound as if that could be at the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29 in New York.

"There comes a time in life when we have to decide to move in a different direction. That time is always hard when you love something so much. My goodness do I enjoy tennis. But now, the countdown has begun," Williams, who turns 41 next month, wrote



to think of this stage of her life as "evolving away from tennis, toward other things that are important to me."

"I feel a great deal of pain. It's the hardest thing that I could ever imagine. I hate it. I hate that I have to be at this crossroads," she wrote. "I keep saying to myself, I wish it could be easy for me, but it's not. I'm torn: I don't want it to be over, but at the same time I'm ready for what's next."

That she would be publicly contemplating the end of her playing days is not all that surprising, given her age — her 10 Grand Slam titles after turning 30 are unsurpassed — her history of injuries and her recent record: one victory in a singles match in the past 12 months (that win arrived Monday in Toronto; she is scheduled to play again on Wednesday).

"Serena Williams is a generational, if not multigenerational, talent who had a profound impact on the game of tennis, but an even greater influence on women in sports, business and society. At a time when our nation and the world have wrestled with essential issues of identity, Serena has stood

AP
Serena Williams gives the thumbs up as she holds her trophy after defeating her sister Venus in the women's singles final on the Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Saturday July 5, 2003.

on Instagram. "I have to focus on being a mom, my spiritual goals and finally discovering a different, but just (as) exciting

Serena. I'm gonna relish these next few weeks."

Williams, one of the greatest and most accomplished ath-

letes in the history of her — or any other — sport, wrote in the essay that she does not like the word "retirement" and prefers

also went 2-3 at bat that included three RBIs and three runs. Efraim went 3-3 facing Ngirngemelas and also had three RBIs and a double. The win elevated Asahi's win-loss record to 3-2.

Terlaje, Sablan, and Ngirngemelas each had an RBI for Peleliu, which dropped to 2-3 in the standings.

Momma Charo 6, Man Amigos 5

Kalle Igisomar drove in the winning run in the last inning as Momma Charo gave Man Amigos its first loss of the season.

Igisomar singled off Man Amigos starter and league ERA leader Eric Palacios in the seventh that brought home

Bernard Kileleman as Man Amigos was perfect no more.

Earlier in the inning, Momma Charo tied things up when Joe Kapileo scored Chave Palacios to make it 5-5.

Chave Palacios had a three-RBI outing for the winners that also included two runs and a 2-3 outing at bat. Igisomar also impressed with two RBIs on 2-3 at-bat for Momma Charo which improved to 2-3.

James Fleming, Eric Palacios, Manny Sablan, Damon Flores, and Feye Suel each logged an RBI for Man Amigos.

Ameliik 13, Salty Boys 2

Ameliik won its first game of the season after scoring the

second run-ruled win of the day when it wiped the floor clean of Salty Boys, 13-2.

After opening the game with three runs, Ameliik would score two, six, and two more runs in the final three innings to finally get out of the cellar at 1-4.

Chouston Martin led Ameliik in the losing streak-busting win with three RBIs after going 2-3 at home plate with two runs. Ace Uchel also made contact on all four times he was at bat and also had two RBIs and a run. The loss kept Salty Boys in last place at 0-5.

The men's division games pitting Ngaraard Red Men vs Sufa and Hagu Lamun vs Tokehao were rescheduled due to heavy rain.

swered the call.

"I used to be the one measuring the race courses and doing the course analysis. Michael and Sildrey took that over. I used to be the one making the visual graphics like posters, advertising, being the person contacting members, as well as our social media account. Now it's Trish pulling the string as well as being the editor in chief for our Run Saipan newsletters. Simon has started taking over to create the race roster websites from scratch as well

as being the person in charge of results at races and uploading them all for everyone. Each of these people have done an amazing job this past year and I have no doubt Matthew will do an amazing job as well," said Dela Cruz.

The member of the CNMI's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit said Furan now takes the torch for coordinating and leading the non-profit's group runs.

"Group runs are something a running club should be doing first but we've been so focused

at the events first and make sure that's handled. Once a month is hard enough for me to schedule on top of constantly prioritizing work, family time, and all the things going on for Run Saipan for the year. Matthew is a godsend. I'm so glad he stepped up to take care of our members with the social runs. He is no stranger to running, track and field, and cross country while growing up as well as serving in the United States Marine Corps. He will serve our running community well now," said Dela Cruz.

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national team, and be part of our workforce, Tolentino added.

The CNMI Scholarship Office and the University of Guam Endowment Foundation are also involved in the athletic scholarship program and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation hopes to see more pri-

vate and public entities step up and assist UOG to make this initiative sustainable.

UOG president Dr. Thomas Krise was on Saipan last week with UOG Enrollment Management & Student Success dean Lawrence Camacho and other UOG representatives for the ath-

letic scholarship signing ceremony that was announced in front of UOG alumni from the NMI. Krise thanked the TSL Foundation and Tan Holdings for their support to the pilot program and continued commitment to education across the Micronesian region. (PR)

Williams' status as an athlete, and a groundbreaker, is obvious to everyone.

She was the first Black woman since Althea Gibson in 1958 to win a Grand Slam title; Williams and her older sister, seven-time major singles champion Venus, helped broaden the sport's audience and attract new players.

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results are finished. UOG will be in the one-game playoffs with the winners facing either the Dodgers or Junior Nationals in the semifinal round of the playoffs. Semifinals will be two 3-of-5 series with the winners meeting in the finals (4-of-7 series). (PR)

Adai 5K to the Saipan community and the Saipan tourism industry.

Castro said PIC Saipan also gave away a bunch of gift certificates and room night stays from PIC Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, Coral Ocean Resort Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and PIC Guam.

Joeten Shopping Center also gifted amazing kitchen appliances, I Love Saipan gave several gift certificates, Bridge Capital LLC gave out gift certificates and a very fancy Apple Homepod, Atkins Kroll Toyota also donated prizes such as "5 gas burner BBQ Grill and pop-up tents.

PIC Saipan would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the return of the Hafa Adai 5K: Kensington Hotel Saipan, Coral Ocean Resort Saipan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Pacific Trading Co., Bridge Capital LLC, Atkins Kroll Toyota, Joeten Shopping Center, I Love Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, PIC Guam, and Island Apparel.

"We're inviting all lovers of the game to come on down as we have a vendor sponsor: Saipan Isla Shave Ice. We're encouraging this to be a family friend event and are open to having more vendors join in on the fun," said Sablan.

For more information about the softball tournament fundraiser, call Sablan (670) 285-9829 via call, text, and WhatsApp or via email raynasablan@gmail.com.

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and Ish Masao also singled to give Asahi four more runs in the fifth as Peleliu tethered in the brink of being run-ruled, 11-2.

Walter Macaranas started the bottom of the fifth with a screaming home run to left-field, but Asahi tucked in two more runs in the top of sixth, as Peleliu was placed in a score-or-go-home situation.

Asahi then mercilessly put down Peleliu as pitcher Hideo got plenty of help from the outfield to finish the game an inning early.

Aside from a marvelous job from the mound, Hideo

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Robin Sapong (Run Saipan board member) and Dr. Ron Snyder (Run Saipan secretary/treasurer). However, entering fatherhood has changed that. I started delegating everything I used to do if the person is willing to do the job."

He said before Furan, members Trish Cortez, Simon Necessito, Michael Mancao, and Sildrey Viloria have also an-

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five NMI student-athletes. We encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity to excel in the sport that they love. We hope they will return to the NMI, play for the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
University of Guam Baseball Team pitcher Jaren Gumataotao was the losing pitcher for the Tritons.

Tritons close out regular season with 2nd straight loss

The University of Guam Baseball Team lost their second straight game in the final game of the Guam Major League regular season, as the Tritons fell to 7-4 to finish their regular season and drop into a three-way tie for third place.

UOG lost 23-13 to the RedHawks in their final game



of the regular season as the Tritons absorbed their second two-game losing streak of the season as they head into the playoffs rounds of the GML.

The Tritons jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the top of the first inning, but the RedHawks kept coming back and finally took their first lead 13-10 in the

fifth inning and pulled away in the later innings to mercy rule the Tritons 23-13 in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Jaren Gumataotao took the loss for the Tritons on the mound while Kyle Martinez went 2-4 with three RBIs on the offense for UOG.

Over the past two games, the Tritons have allowed 37 runs, 28 hits, and committed

15 errors as UOG has lost all momentum over their long break of rainouts.

UOG is now in a three-way tie for third place with the Pirates and Typhoons and the GML will play games to break the ties which will be picked later. The Tritons could end up as the No. 3 to No. 5 seed depending on how the games

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Running community happy with return of Hafa Adai 5K

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Saipan's close-knit running community embraced the return of Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Hafa Adai 5K last July 30.

Saipan Community Church

pastor Stephen Dame said he thoroughly enjoyed the running event and even set a personal best during the run.

"It was good. I ran my best time. But as far as the experience, it was the best attendance/involvement at a race that I've been to on the island.

There was lots of excitement, people and of course color. I'm still getting colored socks when I run! Just a reminder of the fun. The only complaint was that it was hot!" he said.

Jessica Ortiz, who like Dame is a Run Saipan regular, said what made the Hafa Adai 5K more enjoyable was she ran it with some of her favorite people. "I had so much fun because I ran with my daughter and my friends. Every run for me is a challenge but it's more fun to be with the crowd than doing it alone. So, I'm always looking forward to every running event. The excitement and the fulfillment to finish the race is also beyond comparable," she said.

Like Ortiz, Rosemarie Chisato said the Hafa Adai 5K was one for the books since she ran it with her children

and running buddies. It's also memorable because of the different colored dyes that were thrown at them at various stages of the run.

For Andrew Estepa, the return of the Hafa Adai 5K is yet another proof that sporting and social events are slowly getting back to normal.

"It was fun and everyone enjoyed the event. There was also a huge turnout of participants. Events like this not only promote wellness but family bonding as well," he said.

PIC Saipan SEA manager Reymark Castro said that over 800 runners/walkers took part in the "the most colorful event on Saipan."

The day began at 7am with stretching exercises followed by a Zumba activity. A high-striker strength test activity

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Community Church's Stephen Dame, right, poses with fellow pastors Eric Abragan, left, of Life in the Son Christian Church and Mathew Furan of Calvary Baptist Church before the start of the Hafa Adai 5K last July 30.



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Jessica Ortiz, left, and Rosemarie Chisato, right, pose with Kris Romero after the Hafa Adai 5K.

Scoutz Youth Baseball to hold softball fundraiser

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Newly formed Scoutz Youth Baseball will be holding a fundraising softball tournament starting this weekend at the Capitol Hill Baseball Field.

Tournament coordinator Rayna Sablan said money raised from the CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser will be used to support the team's trip to Guam.

Scoutz Youth Baseball will take part in the Labor Day Marianas Softball Tournament set from Sept. 2 to 5.

"The team's manager Jerome Delos Santos was invited by Mr. [University of Guam baseball team head coach] Roke Alcantara Jr. for a friendly between both teams. We are looking to host the [fundraising] event here to include Guam and make this an annual event for the Marianas youth by inviting teams from Rota and Tinian. Future goals for this annual friendship tournament is to expand to other micronesia states to in-

clude Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia," she said. Scoutz Youth Baseball hopes to raise \$4,000 with a full 20-team sign up for the fundraising softball tilt.

So far, the tournament is halfway through its goal with 12 teams already confirming their participation, namely YaoYao, Kemeliz,

Homies, Clique, No Excuses, TokHao, Scoutz 1, Scoutz 2, Dat's It, Lock Down, Red Men, and Regulators.

"We are still open and will cap at 20 teams total for a double-elimination [format]," said Sablan.

Games schedule is from Aug. 12 to 15 and Aug. 17 to 19 with the possibility of a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Andrew Estepa said it took him two days to rinse off all the dye from the Hafa Adai 5K.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Scoutz Youth Baseball accepts the \$200 donation from Belau Amateur Softball Association for its upcoming CNMI Youth Baseball Team Fundraiser.



Santana's drive
gives Mariners 4-3
win over slumping
Yankees

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TSLF supports UOG pilot athletic scholarship program



The five NMI student-athletes are joined in the photo by Tan Siu Lin Foundation and TanHoldings executives and representatives from the University of Guam during the athletics scholarship signing ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Saipan last weekend.

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The Tan Siu Foundation is on board University of Guam's pilot athletic scholarship program for NMI student-athletes.

The TSL Foundation made it possible for UOG to award athletic scholarships to five individuals from the NMI by donating \$10,000 to the scholarship program. This is the first time that UOG has awarded athletic scholarships to NMI student-athletes, as the institution has been reviving and promoting various sports

programs in the campus, while it continues to provide individuals living in the Micronesian region opportunities to gain higher education without having to look far.

"The Tan Siu Lin Foundation is honored to partner with the University of Guam for the launching of this important program. Our foundation puts a premium on initiatives that focus on education so it's great to know that with this program, more individuals from our islands will have the opportunity to go to college through an athletic scholarship," Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino said.

Antonio Norita and Isaiah Teigita of baseball, Christian Tapay of basketball, and Aloyzeus Angeles and Paulyne Joyce of soccer are the first recipients of the scholarship program. They each will receive \$2,000 each from the \$10,000 that the TSL Foundation donated for the pilot program.

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Asahi run-rules Peleliu, 13-3



Asahi's Dominic Hideo went 2-3 at bat that included three RBIs and three runs in their 13-3 win over Peleliu in the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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A sahi run-ruled Peleliu to a drunken stupor, 13-3, in the men's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.



The winning team got going early and often as Asahi immediately scored six runs in the opening inning.

Dominic Hideo led three other Asahi batters in hitting singles off Peleliu pitcher Mabel Ngirngemelas in the first before Allan Tellei also crossed home plate in the second to make it 7-2 after

two innings.

Peleliu finally got on the board in the third inning when Joe Lizama tripled and was later brought home by a John Terlaje single.

A double by Garfield Sablan then allowed Terlaje to cross home plate to make it 7-2.

The uprising was short-lived though as Hector Efraim doubled and Hideo, Edgar Ito,

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Furan named Run Saipan activities director

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. has passed the baton as activities director to Mathew Furan and the Calvary Baptist Church pastor wasted no time with a group 5K yesterday.

"My plans as the new activities director of the club is to provide a weekly opportunity for members and non-members to form a cohesive bond through a common activity, running. With runners coming from all stages and experience this will allow each of us to

challenge one another as well as encourage one another," said the 51-year-old former U.S. Marine Corps.

As far as his running background, Furan began running cross country in junior high school and competed and ran consistently through his time in the Marines.

"I was injured during Operation Desert Shield that put a stop to my running for years. It is a miracle to run like I can right now and I am thankful for every breath and step I can take. My last 'big run' was a 24-hour Panther Run in Okinawa, Japan."

Furan already had designs

of joining Run Saipan even before landing on island.

"Before moving to Saipan on Aug 4, 2021, I researched running groups on Saipan. I came across Run Saipan. I joined the group the week of the library anniversary run. To me, being part of a group helps me stay accountable to my running goals, disciplined in my efforts as well as forming friendships that I normally would not. Being part of this group challenges me to better myself to be a better runner and learn from others," he said

Outside of their military service, Furan and his wife have spent the majority of their time

overseas serving as missionaries in Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lanka is a very fast-paced and busy country/island. Coming to Saipan I am learning to slow down and that goes against everything within me. Being pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Oleai keeps me busy and we are loving each day we are here."

For his part, Dela Cruz said he's glad Run Saipan members have been stepping up and Furan is just the latest example of it.

"He took the lead from me. I always started the job and did everything alongside

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Run Saipan's activities director Mathew Furan has a full slate of weekly activities to keep members of the non-profit busy for the foreseeable future.